

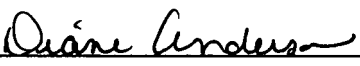


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This response and amendment are filed in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2007, the unextended period for response to which was April 16, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: